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He is not here. He is risen.

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

The growth pattern evidenced in the life of the young boy Jesus sets an example for the balanced, steady growth that should be taking place in each believer's life. The goal, whether stated or not, of every ministry of the church is to facilitate development in one or more of those areas. However, there is one extension of the local church which seeks to stimulate growth in all four areas of the believer's life—summer camp!

The National Youth Council, made up of each district's youth director and myself, recently met in Los Angeles and developed a philosophy of camping. It acknowledges the challenge that our Foursquare Camping Program has to facilitate the fulfillment of Luke 2:52 in the lives of our young people. The council stated that, "Recognizing that the camping program is an important and integral part of our overall ministry to youth as a denomination, we assert that the purpose of the Foursquare Camping Program is to provide evangelism, fellowship, recreation and teaching in an isolated environment to build Christian character."

Summer camp has been a turning point in the lives of hundreds and thousands of young and old

alike. Whether it is their first or hundredth time at camp, no one returns home unchanged. There is something special about setting ourselves apart from the distractions and pressures of the world for a period of study, inspiration, fellowship and activity. The environment of committed believers seeking God's guidance and blessing can't help but produce growth and life in all who enter it.

The Foursquare churches throughout the United States and Canada unite their efforts each year through their district leadership to provide some 120 camping experiences. Camps are available for children, junior highers, senior high and college age, as well as a variety of adult situations. If you are looking for a time of spiritual reflection and edification, or would like your children to experience the excitement and growth provided by a week at camp, consider one of the many camping experiences offered by your district of Foursquare churches.

*By Dan Ussery
Director of Youth Ministries*

(See pages 8 and 9 for information regarding this year's Foursquare Camping Program.)

The Southern California District Council Members' **Appreciation Banquets** had as guest speakers, President **Rolf K. McPherson** (March 18 and 25) and Vice President **Howard P. Courtney** (April 1). Dr. Courtney is scheduled to speak, April 24, at the Dedication Services of the new sanctuary of the **Tuscon, Az.** Foursquare Church, pastored by Rev. Harold Warner.

The **Department of Youth and Christian Education** completed its North American itinerary of F.I.L.L. (Foursquare Involvement Learning Lab) Conferences. The conference team, headed by **Dr. Vincent R. Bird**, ministered to 3,500 Christian education leaders in ten Districts.

General Supervisor and Mrs. M. E. Nicholls, were present at the dedication of the Youth Center of the **New Castle, Ind.** Foursquare Church. **Dr. Donald McGregor** con-

ducted Church Growth and Evangelism Seminars in the Eastern District in March and will be ministering in the Great Lakes District, and again in the Eastern District, throughout April.

Rev. Coleman Phillips was the featured speaker during the **Conference on Pentecostal Dynamics** held at LIFE Bible College in Los Angeles, recently. Dean of Students **Chuck Shoemaker** and **Glenn Nicholls** of LIFE and Mount Vernon Bible Colleges, respectively, recently exchanged visits to these campuses. The annual **Women's Retreat** of LIFE Bible College will be held April 16 and 17.

The **remodeling and redecorating** project of the platform area of Angelus Temple's **Angelus Auditorium** resulted in a "new look" to this auditorium. It has also brought the pulpit in closer proximity to the

congregational seating area.

The National Association of Evangelicals reports a **record-breaking year** for orders received for its "Scriptures to Live By" booklet (a daily guide to systematic Bible reading for one year). This points up an accelerated interest on the part of evangelicals to read the Bible.

A **Foursquare Christian School Survey** is being conducted by the Day School's Committee, reports Chairman Elmer Nelson. Those involved or interested in Christian Day Schools who desire to participate in this survey, should contact: Rev. Elmer Nelson, 325 South Azusa Ave., Azusa, Ca. 91702.

PRESENT WITH THE LORD

David Lambert.

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INSIDE OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY:

CHURCH:

Chatsworth, California Celebrates Anniversary

In 1952 LIFE graduates, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Burns, accepted the appointment of pioneer pastors to the town of Chatsworth. Beginning in a double garage and later moving to the American Legion Hall, the present congregation occupies facilities which include a lovely sanctuary (seating 400), a two-story educational annex, and a home adjacent to the church which is used by the youth for their activities.

Present on Feb. 13, 1977, and participating in the Morning Worship Service, were District Supervisor and Mrs. Paul E. Jones and former District Supervisor and Mrs. Earl W. Dorrance. Special recognition was paid Pastor and Mrs. Burns, who have served as the only pastors of the Chatsworth Church.



Following the Morning Service a lovely buffet was served in the church Fellowship Hall. Special guest speakers for the Afternoon and Evening Services were Revs. Paul Hackett and Jerry Barnard, respectively.

Bills Burned in St. Joseph, Missouri

The congregation of the Bethel Foursquare Church of St. Joseph, Mo. held a Note Burning Service on New Year's Day, reports Pastor Evelyn Taylor.

Revs. Jack Reddick and Pearl Mabrey ministered in the two Afternoon Services. A time of fellowship in the church annex preceded the Evening Service. State Superintendent, Wilbur Lindstrom, present in the Evening Service to conduct the Note Burning ceremony, commended the congregation for the dischargement of their \$80,000 indebtedness.

Foursquare Chaplains Minister At Home and Abroad

Chaplain Willard I. Ghere

Joining the ranks of the United States Chaplaincy in Sept. 1976, Chaplain Ghere was assigned to the 24th Medical Battalion of the 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga.

Chaplain Ghere is the first Mount Vernon, Ohio Bible College graduate to serve as a United States Army Chaplain. Previous to joining the Chaplaincy, Chaplain Ghere was active in pastoral ministry as well as serving on the faculty of Mount Vernon Bible College.

Among his many duties, Chaplain Ghere is in charge of one of only two Charismatic services offered at Fort Stewart. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Ghere.



Chaplain Ghere



Chaplain Meyer

Chaplain John R. Meyer

Currently stationed on Yokota Air Base, Japan, Chaplain Meyer has found many avenues of Christian service within the military community and the Japanese society.

The Professional Division of the Chief of Chaplains Office has suggested that the Sunday Evening Service under Chaplain Meyer's charge is the highest average attendance of all chapel Sunday Evening Services. Included in his many duties is the visiting of various Japanese prisons where Americans are confined, and visiting smaller installations on Iwo Jima and other islands.

During 1976, while on a 10-day military exercise to Korea and as a result of organizing a visit to a Korean orphanage, over \$1,200 was collected from the troops to assist with the needs of the orphanage.

LIFE Alumni Gather For Annual Breakfast

The Sheraton-Universal Hotel in Universal City, Ca. was the site of the annual LIFE Alumni Breakfast held Feb. 12, 1977 with 450 in attendance.

Mr. Jim Hampton was special guest speaker with the LIFE Bible College choir, under the direction of John Wold, ministering as well.

Alumni President, James Ritch, announced the "Through the Century Club" project for 1977 which is designed to raise \$10,000 to assist in funding the advanced education of LIFE's faculty, a requisite to meet accreditation requirements. Rev. Lloyd Johnson served as Breakfast Chairman.

YOUTH:

Foursquare Youth Excels In Cross-Country Competition

Brad Burkes, 15 year old high school sophomore and son of Rev. and Mrs. Alton Burkes, has established several track records.

Presently, Brad holds the Southeast Kansas Records for the cross-country courses at Parsons, Oswego, Pittsburg and Coffeyville, and the Southeast Kansas League records in track for 8th and 9th grades' 880 and one mile run, respectively.

Qualifying for cross-country state meets, Brad also participated in the State AAU Jr. Olympics cross-country meet in the Boy's Division for 14-15 year olds. He has competed in Missouri Valley, regional and national meets. At the regional and national races, Brad ran with a shirt that bore a Christian message. Among the several thousand spectators attending, many Christians in this number identified with Brad's Christian witness. [4]



Come walk this morn. Relive the cool gray mist of the dawning day. The dampness is piercing. A chill penetrates to the bone, yet it seems inconsequential.

The light is breaking over the hill. There, still black against the bland sky stands three crosses—rude testimony of an anguishing event just past.

Your feet are heavy. A low, dull ache fills your head. You have had little sleep since Thursday evening. Only late last night did you end your vigil at the tomb, when others compelled you to go home to rest.

But rest was hard to find and what sleep you had was fitful. So, you arose before the dawn to return to the unfinished task of burial.

As you enter the garden, the Roman soldiers loom large before you. Their look is piercing and caustic, filled with hatred. They are husky men. They are violent men, hired by the Priests and commissioned by the Governor to guard the tomb you are approaching.

Suddenly, the earth trembles beneath your feet. The sky reels as you grab the arm of the one next to you for support. A blaze of light... and standing where the stone had stood is a huge man, yet more than a man for he is ablaze with fire.

In his presence the soldiers tremble and faint for fear, yet you seem impelled to draw near. A stillness settles that not even the birds or insects break.

A booming voice rises from the depths of this great man. A voice as if it were the voice of Almighty God.

"You are looking for Jesus, the crucified one. He is not here lying among the dead, but He stands alive to greet you."

Easter Movement





Doubt and disbelief swarm into your mind as this messenger of God bids you behold an empty tomb. You enter. You gaze around. Awareness grows—a bodiless shroud where your teacher had lain and a small ruffled napkin tossed in one corner, as if in contempt of death, are all that remain.

No, the Master is not here—He is risen. As faith dawns in your eyes, the voice behind reminds you that there are others who must know. They must hear. They must see the place where He had lain. They must believe that He is alive!

As you turn to go, you see a few of the soldiers stirring now and rushing off into town as if a hound or a demon was at their heels, driving them away from this spectacular moment.

Mysteriously so, the path which was all gloom a few minutes before seems brighter, somehow.

As you walk away with your head bowed in contemplation, your ears are blasted with a sound, a sound like the sound of trumpets. Triumphant trumpets of battle won. Startled, you look. There stands another, with the radiance of the rising sun.

That word... what did He say? You unconsciously sift it in your mind. "Rejoice?" Yes, "Rejoice!"

Yes, I should rejoice, you think. The angel has given good news. But, suddenly, all your senses become attuned to the person standing before you...the light, the sound, the feeling—this is Jesus the *risen* Lord!

He is not just a teacher now. He is not simply a preacher, a provider or a healer. He is your creator, your sustainer. He is your Lord. He is your God!

Suddenly you realize the aches are gone. Joy has filled your heart with new purpose. No longer are you in the process of remembering a buried teacher, but you are engaged in announcing His resurrected life.

Your slow gait quickens to a jog and finally to a dead run. The others must know. All the world must know. Jesus is Lord. He is risen from the dead. He is *risen*! He is *risen*, indeed!

—Reverend R. A. (Budd) Grindstaff



From Vancouver Island to Saskatchewan

Western Canada District is comprised of the three western provinces—British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. With Foursquare churches located from Vancouver Island to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan the District covers a distance of nearly 1,400 miles.

There are seven Foursquare churches on Vancouver Island: Campbell River, Courtenay, Sidney, Victoria, Willow Point, a pioneer work at Sooke and a new Indian work at Fort Rupert. Powell River is actually on that part of the mainland referred to as the "Sunshine Coast", but can only be reached by traveling on two ferries, involving a considerable period of time.

The Kingsway Foursquare Church, actually located in Burnaby, was the first church established on the British Columbia mainland. There are also Foursquare churches in Richmond, Delta (Scott Road), Coquitlam, two churches in Vancouver—Hastings and Rupert, one other church in Burnaby—Burnaby Mountain, as well as churches in Fraser Valley (Abbotsford) and Kamloops.

LIFE Bible College of Canada is located adjacent to the Kingsway Church and shares the use of its new Youth Center facilities. Kingsway Court, senior citizen's home, is a part of the Kingsway complex, and the Kingsway Church now has the oversight of Central Park Manor, a personal care home for the elderly.

Another Foursquare Church in British Columbia is located in Penticton, which is east of Vancouver.

Foursquare churches in Alberta Province are Calgary, Edmonton, and Beverly (a section of Edmonton). In Saskatchewan Province churches include: Maymont, Wilkie, Cando, Saskatoon and North Battleford. An outreach ministry is carried on in Clavet, and to the people in Turtle Lake as well as on the Sweetgrass, Red Pheasant, and Stoney Indian Reserves.

There are many cities in Canada without a Foursquare church and the desire of the Foursquare Organization is to see churches planted in these areas.

Kingsway, B.C. Foursquare Church.



PIONEERING IN THE CENTRAL FRASER VALLEY

Located about 35 miles from Vancouver in the lovely Fraser Valley is the town of Abbotsford. This is a very strategic location for a thriving Foursquare church. Last year a Foursquare church was pioneered in this valley by Pastor and Mrs. Leonard Lee. They share the story of its beginning:

"Our involvement began through a very special burden placed upon a Foursquare church several thousand miles away in Owen Sound, Ontario. In this church God made us aware of a call similar to that which was placed upon Paul and Barnabas.

"Perhaps the greatest adjustment in pioneering has been the change of goal orientation. Up until our pioneering experience, our ministry centered around the people's needs in the congregations God called us to pastor. Since we had no people in Abbotsford, this had to change.

"Following the leading of the Lord, the principles of the Word and the much appreciated freedom to find God's will and to do it afforded us by the District office and Supervisor, we began the work in the Fraser Valley. We focused on ministering to the needs of the community. This was accomplished in many ways. One of the ways was a ministry directed to youth.

"The House of Shalom is one part of this youth ministry. It is a drop-in center which endeavors to reach the kids on the street who are spiritually and socially isolated. It has been my privilege to serve on the staff as coordinator, and presently as ministerial representative and Chairman of the Executive Board. The House of Shalom has about 40 young people on its volunteer staff with two full-time staff workers recently added.

"It has been over a year since we began to



Above: Supervisor and
Mts. Victor F. Gardner.
Right: Mt. Robson,
Alberta, Canada.



minister in Fraser Valley. Last June a church body of dedicated Christians was established. There are many other blessings that could be shared, but we want to focus on the future and what can be done, together, to build His Kingdom."

INNER-CITY CHURCH MINISTERS TO ITS COMMUNITY

How does an inner city church reach the community effectively? This was the question the congregation of the Hastings Foursquare Church faced as they surveyed their 45 year old structure. The Christian education facilities were in need of repair and it was their desire to renovate in such a way as to be a vital ministry to the community.

This small church is situated in a low-middle class section of Vancouver which includes several ethnic communities. Pastor and Mrs. Wesley Wray were approached by a group of community workers and asked that the church consider the possibilities of opening a Day Care Center.

After much prayer and consideration, it was the unanimous decision of the church council that this was the Lord's will. The entire congregation contributed in some way until the old structure was refurbished to meet with health and building codes. The Center opened on November 1, 1974.

The Center cares for 25 preschool children, ages three to five, and is open five days a week. Three qualified Day Care teachers, along with several volunteers, direct the program through the ten-hour day. The Center is under the direction of a Day Care Committee appointed by the church council.

The Hastings Foursquare Day Care Center seeks to meet the needs of the children and at the same time minister to the entire family. This has been a challenge.

One area of the city near the church is a section known by the community workers as the "forgotten triangle". It is comprised of low-cost housing with many residents being single parents. The mother of one little boy, who came from this area, began attending church. She had been "running from God" for some time, but she soon accepted Jesus as her Savior. She, in turn, introduced the staff to another friend, whom they led to the Lord. This second lady's life was so transformed that she returned to her husband whom she had not seen in two years.

As the congregation learned to give themselves to people in need, with no thought of return, God has provided the needs of the Center and allowed it to be a blessing in the community.



Preschool children engage in handwork project, Hastings, B.C. Day Care Center (See story this page).

OUTREACH TO CHILDREN

Dial-a-Story for boys and girls began October 1, 1976 by the Sidney Foursquare Church with 1,000 cards distributed throughout the city advertising this outreach ministry. Approximately 20 to 30 calls are received daily. At its inception, a one-minute story was utilized and has since expanded to a three-minute story with music, and a free Bible verse and booklet offered to those who respond in writing.

A new Sunday School bus was purchased with the first run made in December. A few days prior to its first run, five teams canvassed 500 homes in the Sidney area extending invitations to ride the bus.

The new assisting ministers in Sidney—Reverend and Mrs. Les Warriner (Les is a 1976 graduate of LIFE of Canada) minister in the areas of Christian education, the bus ministry, and music. Reverend and Mrs. Monty Moore are the pastors of this progressive work in Sidney which is located on Vancouver Island.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

The Maymont, Saskatchewan Foursquare Church celebrated its 40th Anniversary last fall. Special services were conducted and a fellowship dinner was served those in attendance. Many former pastors were present.

Over 30 people have gone out from the Maymont Church into various capacities of Christian service. Nine have entered full-time ministry. Reverend and Mrs. Alvin Larson are the present pastors.

DISTRICT OFFICERS

The following District Officers serve with Supervisor and Mrs. Victor Gardner:

Divisional Superintendents; Ross Fox—Vancouver Island, Wes Wray—British Columbia Mainland, Clint Davis—Alberta, and J. E. Chartier—Saskatchewan.

Youth Directors; Les Warriner—Vancouver Island, Dan Jackson—British Columbia Mainland, and Barry McGarrin—Alberta.

District Sunday School Coordinator, Camp Coordinator and CFM President—Bob Glass; and UFW President—Dorothy Airth.





Plan for camp now! Don't miss out this summer!





FOURSQUARE CAMPING...providing evangelism, fellowship, recreation and teaching experiences in an isolated environment to build Christian character.

The camping program of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel included 122 camps during 1976. These sessions, held throughout the United States and Canada, ministered to nearly 20,000 children, youth and adults.

The summer of 1977 will again offer a wide range of camping experiences which minister to the mental, physical, spiritual and social needs of Foursquare believers. If you would like more information about a camp in your area, write:

**Reverend Dan Ussery
Director of Youth Ministries
1100 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90026**

1977 FOURSQUARE SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Attend the Camp in your Area

Eastern District

- 1 - Cadet (July 31-Aug. 5)
- 1 - Jr. High (Aug. 7-12)
- 1 - High School (July 17-22)
- 1 - Young Adult (July 24-29)
- 1 - Married Couples (dates not set)
- 1 - Camp Meeting (July 3-8)

Great Lakes District

- 5 - Cadet (June 6-12; 13-18;
July 11-16)
- 1 - Jr. High (Aug. 1-6)
- 1 - High School & Up (Aug. 8-13)

Midwest District

- 4 - Cadet (June 13-19; July 11-16)
- 2 - Jr. High (June 20-25;
July 18-23)
- 2 - High School (June 25-July 2;
23-30)

Northwest District

- 2 - Cadet (July 18-23; 25-30)
- 1 - Jr. High (July 30-Aug. 6)
- 2 - High School (Aug. 6-13; 13-20)
- 1 - Adult (Sept. 2-4)

South Central District

- 3 - Family Camps (July 16-Aug. 1)
- 1 - Young Adult (May 6-8)

Southeast District

- 4 - Family Camps (all ages)
(July 2-9; 9-16; 16-23; 23-30)

Southern California District

- 2 - Cadet (June 20-25; 27-July 2)
- 1 - Jr. High (Aug. 20-27)
- 1 - High School (Aug. 27-Sept. 3)
- 1 - Singles (May 13-15)
- 1 - Camp Meeting (Sept. 3-5)

Southwest District

- 1 - Cadet (Aug. 14-20)
- 1 - Jr. High (July 31-Aug. 6)
- 1 - High School (Aug. 7-13)

Western District

- 2 - Cadet (July 9-15; 16-22)
- 1 - Jr. High (June 18-24)
- 2 - High School (Aug. 13-19;
20-26)
- 1 - Couples (Sept. 2-5)

Western Canada District

- 1 - Cadet (Aug. 8-13)
- 1 - Jr. High (Aug. 13-20)
- 1 - High School (Aug. 20-27)
- 1 - Family Camp (July)

1977 INTERNATIONAL FOUR SQUARE CONVENTION PORTLAND, OREGON MAY 25-31

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE



Dedicated people combining their efforts, pooling their resources, progressing with a common goal, have brought valuable input to the 1977 International Convention. The tremendous amount of coordination and planning which goes on, months in advance, makes our May 25-31st International Foursquare Convention a complete and meaningful time. It has been exciting to see this convention develop.

The range of effectiveness for this convention is broad and penetrating. Seminars, workshops, training sessions, and times of fellowship are planned. Key speakers have been selected, and public meetings set. All of these are geared to give insight and direction to you.

Specifically, on Wednesday morning, May 25th at 9:00 a.m. we will meet together for "Prayer and Praise" with Reverend Coleman Phillips, Pastor of the Hillsboro, Oregon Foursquare Church (Evergreen Christian Center) and a former LIFE Bible College teacher. That day the Council of Foursquare Men's Luncheon will also be held. Darrall Imhoff will be speaking. Darrall has an extensive background in amateur and professional athletics, having been an All-American center while at the University of California, and went to play 11 years in the National Basketball Association. His time with you will be well spent as Darrall loves our Lord Jesus and testifies to the goodness of God.

The United Foursquare Women's luncheon will be Wednesday, the 25th, as well. Sharing with the ladies will be Dr. Douglas Roberts of Victoria, Canada. Dr. Roberts is a practicing physician, counselor and extensive conference speaker. He is also the author of "To Adam with Love".

Both the United Foursquare Women's and Council of Foursquare Men's luncheons will be valuable times of ministry.

Wednesday evening will be the Keynote Address by the convention chariman, Dr. Allan Hamilton, Pastor of the Portland, Oregon

Foursquare Church. This will be held in the Portland Coliseum facilities and will "kickoff" the main convention activities.

Thursday, the 26th through Tuesday, the 31st, will be filled with seminars, workshops and elective breakfasts. Among the topics covered in these sessions will be:

"Staffing the Church"—Pastors Vic Gardner, Jerry Cook and Paul Risser.

"A Way of Life, Family Living"—Dr. Douglas Roberts.

"Current Prophetic Trends"—Dr. Raymond Cox.

"Woman in the Ministry"—Pastor Arleta Keck and Dr. Evelyn Thompson.

"Women's Ministries"—Mrs. Ken Browning and Mrs. Dick Ross.

"Balance of Love and Authority"—Pastor Roy Hicks, Jr.

"Church Growth"—Dr. Donald McGregor.

"Accelerated Christian Education—Church Day Schools"—Pastor Dick Church.

Each evening will be rich with ministry as well. The evening speakers include:

John Firth—A long time missionary to Colombia and Supervisor to 117 churches in South America.

Harold Helms—Pastor of the Decatur, Illinois Foursquare Church. Former staff member at Mount Vernon Bible College.

Jack Hayford—Pastor of the Van Nuys, California Foursquare Church ("The Church On The Way"). Former Dean of students at LIFE Bible College. Noted writer and speaker.

George Otis—Author of "God, the Holy Spirit", "High Adventure" and "God, Money and You".

Howard Clark—District Supervisor, Eastern States and Eastern Canada.

Roy Hicks, Sr.—District Supervisor, Northwest District and author of "Use It or Lose It", and "He Who Laughs . . . Lasts".

As you can well see, this year's convention will be packed with ministry and fellowship. We recommend that you register early. Write:

Convention Registrar
Portland Foursquare Church
1302 S.E. Ankeny
Portland, Oregon 97214



Left: Associate Pastor Dick Duncan leads in congregational singing and worship. Below: The 77 foot tower of inspiration is topped by an 11 foot cross.



Dr. Rolf K. McPherson, President, attended the dedication ceremony and presented a certificate of dedication to the congregation. Shown with Dr. McPherson are Pastor Allan Hamilton (left) and City Commissioner Francis Ivancie (center).

THE LOCAL CHURCH:

PORTLAND CHURCH DEDICATES NEW SANCTUARY

The Portland, Oregon Foursquare Church entered its 50th year Dec. 5, 1976 by dedicating a \$1½ million, new sanctuary in the heart of the city.

The 37,700 square foot structure stands one block east of the original sanctuary at SE 13th Ankeny, dedicated in September, 1931.

Present ministers, Dr. and Mrs. Allan Hamilton, welcomed the following three, husband-wife teams who have pastored the congregation since its beginning: Dr. and Mrs. Harold W. Jefferies, Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Van Cleave and Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Jones. Also honored was Mr. S. P. Lonner, who in 1927 opened his home to the prayer group which grew into the Portland Foursquare Church.

The fan-shaped building seats about 1,500. Sunday morning attendance averages 1,200.

A five-section balcony seats about 450 and supports the sound studio which radio broadcasts live church services. The basement houses a fellowship hall, choir and orchestra warm-up rooms, a recording studio, child care, janitor and mechanical/storage rooms. Behind the main sanctuary, a fan-shaped chapel with seating for about 150 also radiates from the tower.

Dr. Harold Jefferies, giving the dedication address, recalled the development of the congregation. He told how five families met and prayed for two things in Brother Lonner's home. "First, they prayed, 'God, send revival,'" he said. "Second, they prayed, 'God, send a Foursquare Church to Portland.'"

Then in 1928, Aimee Semple McPherson, the denomination's founder, came to Portland to hold meetings in the local Civic Auditorium. From the meetings, the church emerged. In April, 1929, Dr. Jefferies was appointed pastor. He conducted services in three makeshift facilities before the small congregation collected enough money to buy its first property, a 100 by 100 foot lot.

"In 1930 during the depression, when there was neither work nor money, the body sacrificed deeply and raised \$500 to buy the lot," he said. He mentioned a prophecy the Lord gave the congregation saying, "You dig a ditch and I will fill it."

Volunteer workers dug trenches for the foundation "and God filled that hole with cement and lumber," Jefferies said. "The building was very humble compared to this, but the people loved it because of the sacrifices that went into it." A balcony and basement were added in 1934, a three-story education unit in 1950, and a youth center including a full-size gym in 1958.

In 1960 Dr. Jefferies resigned and Dr. Van Cleave assumed pastoral duties. When Dr. Van Cleave turned over responsibilities six years later to Dr. Jones, the congregation owned the entire block on which the original sanctuary had been built.

In the spring of 1969, the Reverend and Mrs. Hamilton came to the Portland church following missionary service in the Philippines.

Following a responsive reading of the act of dedication, Pastor Hamilton said, "We are committed to the city and to this area of the United States of America. To God we dedicate this altar and ourselves as living sacrifices." 4



Above: Student body, staff and faculty of the Foursquare Bible College, Quezon City, P.I. (See story, pages 12 and 13).

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE:

The following excerpt is taken from a letter written to the people of Angelus Temple thanking them for their tremendous accomplishments through their Missionary Conferences. This letter could be to any church that has gone to the effort of putting on a Missionary Conference to promote the ministry of missionary giving. Please consider the message as a letter to you from the heart of all our Foursquare missionaries:

"I felt in my heart I would be doing you an injustice if I did not write and let you know what it means to us here in West Africa when we read of such an outstanding achievement in missionary giving.

"The first thing it does is to remove any thoughts that we are in this work alone. It gets lonely at times on the mission field, especially when we are the only Foursquare missionaries in a vast region like West Africa. But when we see your contribution, it drives home the thought, 'You are not alone.' There are others who stand with us in spirit and in tangible support. There are hundreds who give just as sacrificially as the missionary who goes to the field.

"Secondly, it raises hope that we can get the job done. There are 130,000,000 people in our parish. We are a family of five. Like Andrew we say, 'What are they among so many?' Your contributions enable us to fulfill a planned program of expansion and evangelism which causes a

multiplication of churches. The year, 1977, promises to be a banner year in West Africa. You have a part in it.

"Thirdly, your gracious giving inspires us to work a little harder; to work a little more conscientiously. Feeling inadequate, we are gripped with a sensation that we cannot let you down; we dare not let you down. How disappointing it would be to you at home to know that those you sent did less than their best.

"It is now the wee, small hours of the morning and my family is fast asleep. On behalf of them may I say, 'Thank you.' May I say it for all Foursquare missionaries, for I am sure they'd want me to say it. 'Thank you for making it possible that we might concentrate 100% on the ministry of missions. Thank you for removing the need to write and raise our support. Thank you for doing infinitely beyond all our highest prayers or thoughts.' May God bless you for your outstanding faithfulness in stewardship."

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Mitchell Belobaba,
Missionary

DATELINE: Asia

Philippines — The Calvary Foursquare Church of Manila recently celebrated its 27th anniversary. This was one of the first Foursquare churches established in the Philippines. Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Denison began conducting church services here in 1949 and soon had six converts. As

the work grew, this missionary couple felt the need to train Filipino nationals to carry on the work. Thus a Bible College with 15 students was opened. It was during these early years that Olga Robertson (now ministering in Bilibid Prison) was saved and attended the Bible College. Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Chaves, former missionaries to the Philippines, were also challenged to prepare for full-time service through the efforts of this couple. Later the Bible College was moved to new quarters, but the church property continues to house Manila Christian Day School, which teaches over 200 children in grades 1 - 6.

The Church membership of six has grown until, today, their registered membership is 500. This church has given birth to three other thriving churches and most of the present national church leaders grew up in its fold. The pastor, Rev. Gilbert Maghirang, states that the members are not resting on past accomplishments but have plans for evangelism and further outreach.

Supervisor Phil Starr writes that a Foursquare Bible College student from Quezon City became sick and returned home to San Jose, Occidental Mindoro. Shortly after, he died of a brain tumor. The church united in prayer and "Praise God" the following day he was restored to life. The young man returned to college as a living miracle to the resurrection power of God. What a tremendous testimony to a living God.

"The past six months have been a great blessing to us," writes Missionary Harold Jones. "We are grateful for the opportunity to serve here in the Bible College. We appreciate the financial help the people in the United States and Canada have given to make the campus and

dorms a much lovelier and functional place for the students.

"The following are just a few **accomplishments** in the list of **physical progress** we have seen happen since we arrived: **Installed** deep well pump; **piped** and connected water storage tank; **built** new dining hall, student lounge and canteen; **remodeled** and **enlarged** the dorms, kitchen and apartment for Dean of Students; **repaired** electrical wiring in college building.

"We realize that our greatest aim is **spiritual growth**. We have also seen this. The Lord has led through some difficult times, but we have seen Him move among our students in marvelous ways. Many have made **great strides** of **maturity** in the Lord. Last week, after I spoke at the devotions in the men's dorm, the **students presented me** with a **gift** of several articles of clothing. They had given up spending money to buy these gifts so that they might **show their love** and appreciation. This was so meaningful to me. The Lord has been moving, teaching all of us to **love one another** in a deeper way."

Korea—A successful first was accomplished last fall when the Foursquare Japanese National Board, while in Daejon, Korea, held a special **three-day seminar** with the Korean Foursquare Pastors and Bible School students. Revs. Higa, Takami and David Masui were the speakers for this **cross-culture session**. Missionary Ron Meyers, representing the Bible School, commented that this seminar **offered healing** for the individual and the student-body as well as creating international **bonds of love**.

The seminar theme, "**The Pastor's Life of Service**" was portrayed in five phases: Preaching, counseling, personal spiritual living, leading the church and leading the

community. Rev. David Masui stressed the necessity of following **God's principles** in each one of these areas to solve the problems that confront pastors.

Although the western missionary has an effective ministry in the oriental world, this Foursquare exchange between Orientals **eliminated** many **cultural problems**. The Korean, Japanese, and English languages were spoken, but the work of the **Holy Spirit communicated** to unite the individual hearts.

DATELINE: South America

Argentina—On the third of January, Missionary and Mrs. Edwin Gurney traveled some **1,800 miles** to visit the Indians in the **Provincia of Chaco**. The ladies of the church collected used **clothing, toys and books** for the missionaries to take with them. The Rev. and Mrs. Gurney were able to personally give these articles to **nine different pastors** and their **families**.

"It was an exciting, rewarding experience for us to see the **look of joy** on the **faces** of those dear people and hear them as they thanked the Lord for those who had remembered them," wrote Missionary Gurney. "Some pastors **cried with joy** to receive clothes they needed."

"One pastor had **prayed for shoes** as he had to go to church **barefooted**. Now his prayer was answered. A member of the church council felt led of the Lord to send his **new shoes** to the Indians and they **fit this pastor**." The missionaries were able to have a time of prayer with each family before they left the area.

DATELINE: South Pacific

Indonesia—**Fillipino** Foursquare missionaries have now entered this country of



95,189,000 souls to begin a **ministry**. Missionary **Ted Sambire** arrived in Indonesia in January and is **surveying** the needs in an attempt to find the area that would best **respond** to the **Gospel**. He writes: "We do not want to go into a part of the country where there is already a Pentecostal work. Several areas have been suggested that are **fertile ground** for **evangelism** and **church planting**. Please pray that God will give us real **direction** in this important step." This new field is under the Philippine Foursquare Church and is, at this time, being subsidized by Foursquare Missions. Please **pray** for Rev. and Mrs. Sambire, our new missionaries to the nation of Indonesia. [4]

Top: Missionary Ron Meyers with Japanese Pastors and Korean Bible College students at 3-day seminar held in Daejon, Korea. (See story this page). Above: New addition to dormitory facilities in Quezon City, P.I. (See story, pages 12 and 13).

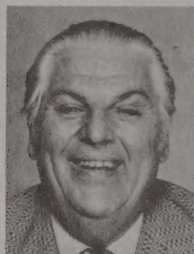
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Western Canada	9,433.43

OPEN YOUR BIBLE:

Four Steps to Effective Service

By Dr. Elwood H. Jensen



Have you ever felt you would like to be more active and fruitful in your service for the Lord? Today's emphasis on the Church as the Body of Christ has added to the concern of many about their part in the active ministry.

Perhaps some even feel that Paul is including them in his admonition to Timothy, "Make full proof of thy ministry" (II Tim. 4:5). A literal translation makes it even plainer—"Completely fulfill your ministry," or "Do all the duties of your calling." If such a command is applicable to all Christians, and I believe it is, then we should know something of the full requirements that comprise effective service. How else can we expect to accomplish our task and hear Him say, "Well done?"

One of the simplest descriptions of these elements of ministry is given by the Apostle Paul. His fourfold measure of service is found in Romans 1:1—"Paul a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God..." Let me suggest to you that Paul's ministry as well as ours is fulfilled in four ways.

Your Choice

First, in serving God Paul made a CHOICE. Paul here calls himself a bondsman or more literally a "love slave". To be such is the result of the choice of a slave who has the opportunity for freedom, yet in love for his master willingly chooses to continue as a slave.

It is important that we know that Christian service is a matter of choice. God does not compel us to serve. He saved us to set us free and not to enslave us. So many of us have been conditioned to slavery in the bondage of sin that we lose sight of the glorious freedom that is ours in Christ. We wait for Him to pressure us into serving. This He will not do for it is not His compulsion but our choice that determines our service. Jesus asked His disciples to look at the harvest and to pray for laborers, but He did not force the job upon them. In Isaiah, chapter 6, God calls "Whom shall I send, and who will go?" It is Isaiah volunteering that completes the story.

God's Commission

Secondly, Christian service is a COMMISSION. Paul says he is "Called to be an apostle." This step follows our choice and is as equally necessary. If we are to do God's work it must be under His appointment. Paul reminds the Galatians (1:1) that his appointment as an apostle is neither of man nor by man. It was a God-given commission that caused Paul to say, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"

Paul's specific call was to be an apostle, but

when Paul lists the different ministries (I Cor. 12:28-29; Eph. 4:11) he includes apostle in each list. This would indicate that all of these are equally a result of the call of God. Space does not permit the further exploration of this call in relation to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and a specific equipment of manifestations for that service.

Your Consecration

Thirdly, as each Christian must, Paul had a CONSECRATION. This is the meaning of the word "separated". As a Pharisee, Paul knew what it was to separate himself in a false sense of superiority. Now it is not a separation *from* but *unto* and Paul can say with conviction, "I am determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (I Cor. 2:2). Perhaps a good illustration of this kind of separation is an electric wire. It is not isolated to keep it from being contaminated from the outside, but it is insulated to keep from dissipating its inner power. Surely this is the kind of consecration we need in our day. What the world has cannot compare with the resources in Christ. Moses recognized this comparison as did the others who are a part in the roll call of the faithful in Hebrews, chapter 11.

God's Cause

Finally, in serving God Paul has a CAUSE. The culmination of his choice, his commission and his consecration is here. It is the Gospel—God's good news. It is not out of man's discovery, experience or learning, but it is the fact that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself."

This is the one message God has left for the Church to proclaim, and it is for us to spread abroad the good news that all men can be free from the bondage of sin and restored to the family of God and the fellowship of the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Whatever may be the particular calling or task that God has given us, it finds its full effectiveness in the proclamation and application of the Gospel to the hearts and lives of men.

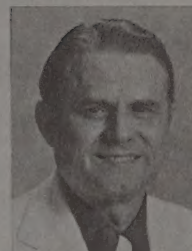
Charles Spurgeon made it a practice in his long and fruitful life of ministry never to preach without showing the way that a man could be saved. It was the result of his personal search for salvation that caused him to recognize the importance of such a rule. Yet, how he came to that decision only emphasizes that it was the foundation of a prolific and strong work for God.

It is true that service is at the heart of the Christian life, yet we can only enter into an effective service for God if it has these four elements. Then perhaps we can say with Paul, "I have finished my course," and hear Jesus say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." [4]

"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself."

RAYMOND COX:

current & events & comments



"If God doesn't judge America soon, He will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah," Mrs. Billy Graham declared. Many are wondering whether the sickle of judgment has at last begun to strike in the form of cold and drought and energy shortages plaguing the country during the past winter. Others launched prayer offensives seeking relief. But if God was chastening the country, would not such campaigns prove offensive to Him? That's a question, not an oracle.

Does it do any good to pray about weather? James 5:16-18 suggests such. Elijah's praying brought relief from drought, but earlier his praying produced the drought! In the interim, thousands may have prayed for rain in vain!

How should we pray about weather? Certainly we can petition God to protect his people from effects of this judgment if it be, indeed, his judgment, and to provision them as He did Elijah at the brook Cherith and the widow's home at Zarepath. But some would ask, "Even if God is judging America, would He not respond to concerted prayers for relief for the whole country?" A precedent may admit this possibility—the supply of quail to murmuring Israelites and the mixed multitude of fellow travellers in Sinai. But

was that provision a benefit? Psalm 106:15 comments, "He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul."

America can discover whether the weather represents judgment by repenting. Then if climate normalizes we may assume that judgment is stayed. But what if America won't repent as a nation? A back-up contingency remains. Almost every Christian knows II Chronicles 7:14, but how many can quote the preceding verse? How many know the context? Verse 13 offers, "If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people"—then what? Verse 14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

America should repent. To pray for blanket relief from judgments—if disasters are that in fact—might stall God's purposes. To pray for help for God's people is proper. To pray for Americans to respond to God's judgments is proper. But even if they don't, if just God's people will repent as well as pray, they may expect God to spare the land for their sakes, as He would have Sodom had ten righteous resided there. Do you need to repent before you pray? Back to James 5:16-18, which begins, "Confess your faults (Greek: "sins") one to another, and pray one for another..." After that comes the revelation about the efficacy of prayer, even for the weather! [4]

LETTERS:

Words of Appreciation

I think Volume 13, No. 4, December '76 is the best issue ever!

D. F.

Please find enclosed a money order—a long overdue donation in appreciation of the ADVANCE you have so kindly been sending me. I enjoy every word of it, and when well read, it is passed on to others who also enjoy it.

We all thank you for the splendid photos and write up of Kingsway Court. Many of us really do enjoy the wonderful friendships we have here and do so appreciate folks who give so freely of their time and make this a happy place to live.

E. M.

Just a line to express my appreciation for two recent issues of ADVANCE—i.e., October and December copies. Pictures of missionaries and stories from mission fields inspire love and prayer.

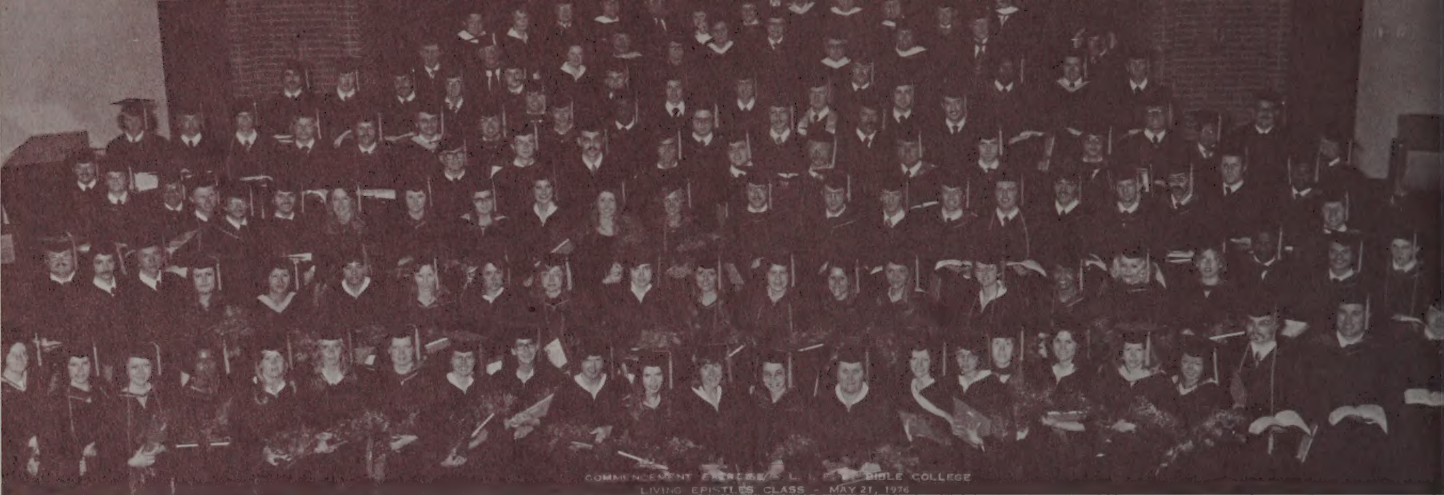
Agreed heartily with Mr. Cox's comments on the media. Dr. Courtney's comments on fasting came when I needed help because of the grave illness of a precious son. How graciously and oftentimes, unexpectedly, God meets our heart's cry.

H. S.

We have received the Foursquare World ADVANCE for many years and cannot tell you how very much we enjoy it. We have a friend who enjoys reading it so much and asks me for it. She has received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and being in a church that does not believe as we know, she is having a hard time. Pray for her.

L. W.

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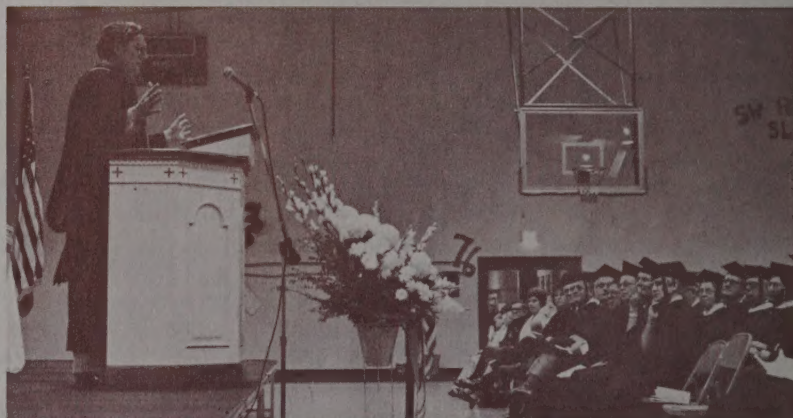
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